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MEMORANDUM FOR: Walter Elder, Review Staff

SUBJECT : Request from Greg Rushford, House Select  
Committee, dtd 13 November 1975

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This will confirm information given to you several days ago with regard to item # (3) in Rushford's letter, having to do with SALT and SALT compliance. I have discussed with the Director, with [ ] and with members of the NSC staff, the question of providing the House Select Committee with copies of the statements prepared for the Director's use in the 31 briefings noted on the attached sheet. (As you know, we have made a distinction between giving the Select Committees copies of committee transcripts or Agency memoranda for the record on the substance of our briefings of other committees of Congress on one hand, and providing copies of prepared statements for the Director's use on the other. We do not provide the former since the oversight committees consider these to be committee documents, held by the Agency in custody for them. Requests for access to those documents must be made to the Chairmen of the committees concerned. Statements prepared for the Director's presentations, however, are the Director's property and there is no valid basis for our refusing to provide copies of them.) Neither the Director nor [ ] could see any objection to our providing copies of the prepared statements in question to the Select Committees. I double checked this with Bud McFarland, NSC staff, who also found no objection and commented further that they had authorized that the committee staffs be given access to them to read, but not to retain. I construed Mr. McFarland's qualification to apply to the copies of the prepared statements as well as the 5 March briefing which the Director gave the NSC.

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TO / MR. CARY

The HSC has asked for CIA  
briefings of Congress on SALT.  
(See attached). Can we give  
HSC access to these briefings  
or are they the property of  
the Congressional committees?



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